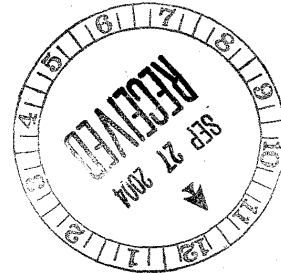


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September 21, 2004



Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K. St., NW, Room 711
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Canadian National/Illinois Central-Abandonment-Forrest County Mississippi, STB
Docket Number AB-43 (Sub-No. 173X)

Attn: Ann Newman

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please find attached our check in the amount of \$300.00 for the purpose of extending the negotiation time on the above referenced project. Our letter of August 16, 2004 requested an extension of 60 days from the September 18, 2004 date previously approved.

Your approval of our request is necessary as pointed out in our letter and is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Herlon Pierce
Executive Director/
Trail Manager

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